

WQ10 STREAM PROTECTION

- ☐ A Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application must be completed before a contract may be created. This form allows a 1099-G to be submitted to you at the end of the year. It also allows for your reimbursement to be sent to your account electronically once your project is completed.
- ☐ The area where the practice will be installed must currently have livestock to qualify and have adequate boundary fence prior to installing exclusion fence.
- ☐ The acres will be measured from the high flow bank of the stream to the fence, regardless of the type of the existing vegetative cover within the excluded area. Both sides of the stream must be excluded from livestock access. The excluded area must be a minimum of 25 feet and a maximum of 150 feet from the high bank.
- ☐ The excluded area may be flash grazed beginning one year after contract payment. Cool season grass (CSG) may be grazed for a single three day period between April 15th and May 7th, and again for a single three day period between September 1st and October 1st. The average minimum grazing height is six inches for CSG. Strip grazing of the excluded area using temporary fence may be utilized during the above spring and fall periods as long as livestock graze each strip only one time for 3 days or less and maintain a 6 in minimum grazing height. Warm season grasses (WSG) may be grazed for a single three day period between July 15th and August 15th. The average minimum grazing height is eight inches for WSG. Strip grazing as indicated above may also be carried out for WSG. However, mowing within the excluded area is prohibited except for fence maintenance.
- ☐ Cost share is available for development of a watering source (pond, well, limited access), stream crossings, exclusion fence, and critical area planting according to soils test.
- ☐ Cost share rates are 75% of the county average cost plus \$500 per acre up to \$12,000 and the practice must be maintained for 10 years.
- ☐ Receipts marked paid with the appropriate check number for supplies purchased must be submitted prior to the landowner being reimbursed.
- ☐ I certify that I have not started the practice. I understand that if I begin the practice before I receive official notification of approval from the district board I am not eligible to receive cost-share assistance for completing the practice.
- ☐ I understand that the district board of supervisors must approve any modification in the design of the practice. Failure on my part to request changes and obtain board approval of the changes may jeopardize my cost-share payment for the practice.
- ☐ I understand that I am not eligible to receive payment for installing the practice until it meets NRCS Standards and Specifications within Commission policy.
- ☐ Once claim has been signed and approved it will take approximately 4-6 weeks before the reimbursement is issued to your account.

I have read the above cost share policies and procedures and understand them. I assume full responsibility for all expenses incurred if I fail to follow these policies and procedure.

Landowner / Operator

Date